



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

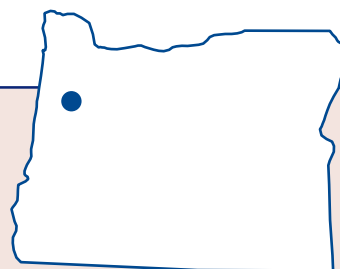
## *Coastal Range Food Bank, Inc., Blodgett City, OR*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The Coastal Range Food Bank, Inc. was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The food bank serves several rural, mountainous communities in western Oregon, all of which are within a 30-mile radius of Blodgett. The combined population of the service area is 8,931. The primary employer is the logging industry, which in recent years has struggled under changing economic conditions. These sparsely populated forest communities are disproportionately impacted by environmental, geographic, and economic factors that limit opportunities for commercial or industrial employment. The target area is within the



### Cleanup Grant

New  
2004

\$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Coastal Range Food Bank, Inc. for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up petroleum contamination at an abandoned property that was formerly used as both a gas station and a country store. The food bank hopes to redevelop the site into its new home and food distribution center. Grant funds will pay for the removal of two substandard underground storage tanks and associated piping, excavation of about 100 tons of petroleum-contaminated soil, and installation of groundwater monitoring wells.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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[www.epa.gov/r10earth](http://www.epa.gov/r10earth), click on "Superfund," scroll down to "Related Programs" and click on "Brownfields"

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

most economically distressed portion of Lincoln County. Half of the population lives below the poverty level, and the median household income is well below the state average. Once the site is cleaned up, the food bank can construct additional food storage buildings and expand its operations. Redevelopment also will provide an example of how private and government partnerships can empower rural communities.